

SUBJECT: Recodification of employment laws into a Labor Code

COMMITTEE: State Affairs — favorable, with amendment

VOTE: 11 ayes — Seidlits, T. Hunter, Black, Danburg, Eckels, Erickson,
Goodman, Saunders, S. Turner, Wilson, Wolens

0 nays

4 absent — Denton, D. Jones, Marchant, Tallas

WITNESSES: For — None

Against — None

On — Paulette Barwinkel, Texas Legislative Council. (Registered only —
Ted B. Roberts, Texas Association of Business; Pam Beachley, Business
Insurance Consumers Association of Texas)

BACKGROUND: The Texas Legislative Council is required by Government Code sec. 323 to carry out a complete nonsubstantive revision of all state statutes of general application to make them more accessible, understandable and usable without altering the sense, meaning or effect of the law. The council's nonsubstantive revisions are designed to bring recently enacted laws into conformity with existing codes; eliminate repealed, invalid, duplicative, or other ineffective provisions; renumber remaining provisions, where appropriate; and provide for future expansion.

DIGEST: HB 752 would codify existing laws covering labor and employment laws, including labor relations, hours of labor, pay for labor, unemployment insurance coverage and workers' compensation, and arrange them into a new Labor Code. The bill would make nonsubstantive corrections and conforming amendments to existing laws covering these areas.

HB 752 also would make conforming amendments to the Government, Health and Safety, and Local Government Codes.

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NOTES:

The committee amendment would make the revised language of the new Labor Code conform more closely to current law.

The companion bill, SB 406 by Ellis, has been referred to the Senate Economic Development Committee.